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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: L. Y. Lao
TATSURO YAMAZAKI, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2629
Application No.: 09/542,460	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 6080
Filed: April 4, 2000	)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	January 22, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SECOND  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated September 20, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: